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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 3, 1969

Lieutenant THOMAS GANNON, Port Authority Police, Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey, advised that his department had received information at approximately 10:30 a.m. from United Airlines, Newark, New Jersey, that a passenger who held a ticket for Flight 149 departing Newark Airport at 11:00 a.m. en route to Chicago had made a statement to the United Airlines ticket agent, [redacted] that his bag contained nitroglycerine. b6 b7C

GANNON advised that he responded and found THOMAS ALAN GITLIN in line waiting to board Flight 149 departing Newark at 11:00 a.m. to Chicago. Lieutenant GANNON advised GITLIN that he would have to accompany him to the Port Authority Police Headquarters. Lieutenant GANNON was furnished with two full shopping bags which were tied together and which had been checked by GITLIN with United Airlines.

Lieutenant GITLIN stated that when he approached GITLIN, GITLIN apoligized to him for making the remark. He stated there was no nitroglycerine in his bag and offered to allow Lieutenant GITLIN to search his bags. GITLIN further made a comment to the effect that he was pleased that authorities would pursue matters of this nature where a threat was made.

Lieutenant GANNON advised that GITLIN was accompanied by [redacted] and that all three cooperated with him and accompanied him to the Port Authority Police Headquarters at Newark Airport. b6 b7C

Lieutenant GITLIN searched the two shopping bags which GITLIN had checked and found that they contained books and several items of new and used clothing. No nitroglycerine was located.

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On 9/27/69 at Newark, N.J. File # Newark 149-347

by SA GEORGE RAY DE HARDE tvn Date dictated 10/2/69

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On September 27, 1969, Assistant United States Attorney GEORGE J. KOELZER, Newark, New Jersey, was furnished with the facts of this investigation at which time he declined prosecution of the subject for the reason that prosecution would not be in the best interest of the Government.

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TODD ALAN GITLIN was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the intended interview. Befoée the interview began GITLIN was furnished with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he understood his rights, and was willing to furnish an oral statement. GITLIN advised that he had been visiting relatives in the New York area and his publisher, Harper and Row, and that his intended travel was to return to his residence in San Francisco. On the morning of September 27, 1969, [redacted] had driven him to Newark Airport. GITLIN advised that he held United Airlines Ticket #430112 in the name of Mr. GITLIN for United Airlines Flight 149 departing Newark, New Jersey, to Chicago, Illinois, with connecting flight to San Francisco. GITLIN advised that he arrived at Newark Airport at approximately 10:20 - 10:25 a.m. and that he and [redacted] were driven to the front of the Newark Airport Passenger Terminal where they got out of the car and [redacted] proceeded to park the vehicle. GITLIN states that he and [redacted] walked to the United Airlines ticket counter where he checked a suitcase with a United Airlines ticket agent, whose name is unrecalled. After checking his suitcase, he decided that he would also check two shopping bags which had been tied together. GITLIN stated that he was a bit sleepy at the time he was checking in and that when the ticket agent asked a question to the effect "Is there anything fragile in the shopping bag", he thought it to be a rather unusual question to ask and he then made the statement to the ticket agent, "No, just some nitroglycerine." The ticket agent then made a statement to the effect "You shouldn't say that." GITLIN advised that he then realized what he had said and apologized. He states that the ticket agent continued to check his bag, and he and [redacted] The three walked to Gate 47 where he took a place at the end of the waiting line for United Airlines Flight 149. GITLIN advised that [redacted] had overheard the remark which he made to the ticket agent.

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GITLIN advised that while waiting in line at Gate 47, the Port Authority Police arrived and requested that he accompany them and he responded voluntarily.

GITLIN advised that he had no objection to having his bags inspected, and he furnished written permission to that effect.

The following information was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | TODD ALAN GITLIN |
| Aliases | Advised he had used no other names but usually used the name TODD GITLIN. |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Date of Birth | January 6, 1943 |
| Place of Birth | New York City |
| Height | 6' |
| Weight | 168 |
| Hair | Light brown, worn in a bushy style and long bushy sideburns |
| Scars | None |
| Home Address | 204 Noe Street San Francisco, California, telephone number 415-626-4285; has resided at this address for less than one year |
| Employment | Self-employed writer; claims that Harper and Row Publishing Company is printing his book entitled, "Uptown." |
| Social Security Number | 074-34-6954 |
| Calfornia Driver's License Number | A054603 |
| Military Service | None, registered with Selective Service, Local Board 26, classification 1-Y |
| Marital Status | [redacted] b6 b7C |

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| Education | Harvard, Bachelor of Arts and Mathematics, 1963; University of Michigan Graduate School, Master of Arts and Politcal Science, 1966 |
| Associates Who Will Know his Whereabouts | [redacted] b6 b7C |
| Membership in Organizations | Declined to furnish information concerning present or past membership in organizations; however, when specifically asked, he did admit to having been president of STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS) during 1963-1964 while at the University of Michigan |
| Father | [redacted] |
| Mother | |
| [redacted] | |

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[redacted] advised that on the morning of September 27, 1969, she accompanied [redacted] TODD ALAN GITLIN, to the United Airlines ticket counter at Newark Airport where [redacted] checked his suitcase and a shopping bag. While at the ticket counter at approximately 10:30 a.m., she overheard the ticket agent ask [redacted] what his shopping bags contained. She states that she recalls that [redacted] responded with the statement to the effect that the bag contained nitroglycerine; however, she does not recall the specific words used. She further stated that she does not know why [redacted] made this statement to the ticket agent.

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TO DIRECTOR DEFERRED

FROM NEWARK

TODD ALAN GITLIN; DAMV- FALSE REPORT. OO: NEWARK.

REURTEL NINE TWENTY-NINE INSTANT.

AUSA WAS MADE AWARE OF BACKGROUND OF GITLIN PRIOR TO HIS DECLINATION.

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TO SAC, NEWARK

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI 149-6621-2

TODD ALAN GITLIN; DAMV - FALSE REPORT. OO: NEWARK.

RE NEWARK TEL TO THE BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

IF ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY NOT ADVISED OF BACKGROUND RE GITLIN, PRIOR TO DECLINATION, RE-PRESENT FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION TO HIM.

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TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT

FROM NEWARK (149-NEW) (P)

TODD ALAN GITLIN; DAMV - FALSE REPORT. OO: NEWARK.

PORT AUTHORITY POLICE, NEWARK AIRPORT, NEWARK, NJ, NOTIFIED NEWARK DIVISION THAT ON INSTANT DATE, SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY STATED TO UNITED AIRLINES TICKET AGENT THAT HIS BAG CONTAINED NITROGLYCERINE. GITLIN HELD TICKET FOR UAL FLIGHT ONE FOUR NINE, DEPARTING NEWARK ELEVEN AM TO CHICAGO WITH CONNECTION FLIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO. GITLIN NOT PERMITTED TO BOARD PLANE AND FLIGHT NOT DETAINED.

UAL TICKET AGENT AND [redacted] INTERVIEWED CONFIRMING SUBJECT'S STATEMENT. IN INTERVIEW, SUBJECT ADMITTED THAT WHEN UAL TICKET AGENT INQUIRED IF CONTENTS OF HIS SHOPPING BAG WERE FRAGILE, HE REPLIED QUOTE NO, JUST SOME NITROGLYCERINE, END QUOTE. SUBJECT STATES THAT AFTER HE MADE THE STATEMENT, HE REALIZED THAT IT WAS A FOOLISH REMARK AND APOLIGIZED. GITLIN ADVISED HIS BAG DID NOT

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CONTAIN NITROGLYCERINE, AND HE DOES NOT KNOW WHY HE MADE REMARK. BAG WAS SEARCHED BY PORT AUTHORITY POLICE AND NO NITROGLYCERINE LOCATED.

AUSA, NEWARK, NJ, PRESENTED WITH FACTS AND DECLINED PROSECUTION AS NOT IN BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT.

NEWARK INDICES REFLECT TODD ALAN GITLIN WAS SUBJECT OF NK TWENTY FIVE DASH TWO NINE ZERO SIX THREE ON MAY THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SIX. NK FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FOUR NINE THREE NINE FOUR CAPTIONED SUMMER OF SUPPORT REFLECTS TODD GITLIN WAS PRESIDENT OF SDS DURING SIXTY THREE - SIXTY FOUR, AND IN JULY, SIXTY EIGHT, GITLIN WAS ATTEMPTING TO SET UP AN SDS COFFEE HOUSE IN MONTEREY, CALIF., IN VICINITY OF FORT ORD, TO OFFER LEGAL COUNSEL AND ADVICE ON HOW TO APPLY FOR DISCHARGE ON BASIS OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION.

TODD ALAN GITLIN DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DOB JANUARY SIX, FORTY THREE, AT NEW YORK CITY, HEIGHT SIX FEET, WEIGHT ONE SIXTY EIGHT, HAIR LIGHT BROWN, ADDRESS TWO ZERO FOUR NOE ST., SAN FRANCISCO. WOULD NOT FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS, HOWEVER, DID ADMIT TO BEING PAST PRESIDENT OF SDS WHEN SPECIFICALLY ASKED. CLAIMED HIS TRAVEL

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TO NY WAS FOR PURPOSE OF VISITING RELATIVES AND TO CONTACT HIS PUBLISHERS. INTENDED TRAVEL WAS TO RETURN TO HIS RESIDENCE.

CLOSING REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

AIR MAIL COPY SENT SAN FRANCISCO.

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| TITLE OF CASE | REPORT MADE BY | TYPED BY |
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| TODD ALAN GITLIN | GEORGE RAY DE HARDE | tvn |

CHARACTER OF CASE

DAMV - FALSE REPORT

REFERENCE: Newark teletype to Bureau dated 9/27/69.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being furnished to USA, San Francisco, in view of the fact that subject furnished residence address as 204 Noe St., San Francisco, Cal.

On 9/27/69, Lt. ELMER PRICE, Emergency Squad, Newark, NJPD, was advised of the threat made by the subject in this matter.

| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☑ NONE | | | | | | ACQUIT-TALS | CASE HAS BEEN: |
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| CONVIC. | AUTO. | FUG. | FINES | SAVINGS | RECOVERIES | | PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☑ NO |
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On 9/27/69, [redacted] Newark, N.J., was notified of the threat made by the subject in this matter. b6 b7C

A review of Newark indices reflect that TODD ALAN GITLIN was subject of Newark File 25-29063 on 5/31/66. Also Newark File 100-49394 captioned, "SUMMER OF SUPPORT" reflects that TODD GITLIN was President of STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS) during 1963 - 1964 and further that in July, 1968, GITLIN was attempting to set up an SDS coffee house in Monterey, Cal., in the vicinity of Ft. Ord, to offer legal counsel and advise on how to apply for discharge from military service on basis of conscientious objection.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Newark
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Report of: GEORGE RAY DE HARDE
Office: Newark, New Jersey
Date: October 9, 1969

Field Office File #: 149-347
Bureau File #:

Title: TODD ALAN GITLIN

Character: DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLE - FALSE REPORT

Synopsis: Subject allegedly made statement to the United Airlines ticket agent at Newark Airport, Newark, N.J., on 9/27/69, that his bag contained nitroglycerine. Subject held ticket for United Airlines Flight 149 on 9/27/69, departing from Newark. The subject was not allowed to board and flight not delayed. In interview subject admitted making statement to the effect this his bag did contain nitroglycerine. After making statement, he realized what he had said and apoligized. Dt. GANNON, Port Authority Police, Newark Airport, stated that subject apologized to him for having made the statement. AUSA GEORGE J. KOELZER, Newark, New Jersey, on 9/27/69, declined prosecution of subject in view of the fact that subject had apologized after making the statement and KOELZER of the opinion that prosecution not in the best interest of the Government.

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DETAILS

This investigation was predicated upon information telephonically furnished to the Newark Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at 10:55 a.m., on September 27, 1969, by Lieutenant THOMAS GANNON, Port Authority Police, Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey. Lieutenant GANNON advised that the subject had made a statement to the United Airlines ticket agent to the effect that his bag contained nitroglycerine. The subject was not allowed to board the plane and the flight was not delayed.

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[redacted] Ticket Agent, United Airlines, Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey, advised that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on the morning of September 27, 1969, a passenger who held a ticket for Flight 149 departing Newark at 11:00 a.m. to Chicago with connecting flight to San Francisco, had checked a bag at the counter. The same individual returned within a few moments with two shopping bags bundled together and requested to check these items. [redacted] stated that he asked the passenger what the bag contained, to which the passenger replied, "It's a bottle of nitroglycerine, but don't worry, its wrapped good." [redacted] advised that he told the passenger that this was nothing to joke about. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he did proceed to check the bag; however, he then immediately notified [redacted] United Airlines, Newark Airport, and that [redacted] in turn notified Port Authority Police. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised thathe does not recall the name of the passenger who made this remark; however, he states that he could recognize the individual if he saw him again, and he described the passenger as a white male, tall, light brown bushy hair, with long bushy side burns, wearing a sport shirt and pants.

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